CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, KENT ISLAND, QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, 1763

[A PETITION, UNDATED, BUT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED IN THE UPPER HOUSE OCTOBER 27, 1763, FROM THE INHABITANTS OF CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, KENT ISLAND, TO THE GOVERNOR AND ASSEMBLY, PRAY-ING THAT A PART OF ST. PAUL'S PARISH, KENT COUNTY, BE TAKEN OFF, AND ADDED TO CHRIST CHURCH PARISH, THUS AFFORDING A SUFFICIENT INCOME TO THE LATTER PARISH TO ENABLE IT TO SECURE A MINISTER WHO WOULD ABIDE IN THE PARISH. THE UPPER HOUSE REJECTED THIS PETITION WITHOUT EXPLANATION; SEE PAGES liii, 236].

To his Excellency Horatio Sharpe Esq. Governor and Com- MSS mander in Chief in and over the province of Maryland and the Archives upper and lower houses of Assembly now Conven'd. the Petition of Black Book the Inhabitants of Christs Church Parish on Kent Island in Queen No. 10

Anns County most humbly sheweth that your Patitioners has Parish that your Patitioners had your Patitioners Anns County most humbly sheweth, that your Petitioners has Been Hall of a long time without a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Oc- Records cationed by the smallness of the parish which is a very great hardship wee labour under, on Account of Receiving the Holy Sacrament of the Lords Supper, Baptiseing Children & Visiting the sick &c

Prays that an Acct of assembly may pass to take of as much from Saint Pauls parish & add to the aforesaid Parish as will make a full Competency for a Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Abide with us as they do in other Parishes and your Petitioners in duty bound will Ever pray

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